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SERIAL NO. 10 535 153	Art Unit:	1796
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FOR: NETWORK SILICA FOR )	Docket No:	SHI 2480
ENHANCING TENSILE STRENGTH )		
OF RUBBER COMPOUND		
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ELECTION

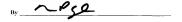
Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed October 19, 2009, Applicants
Applicant elects the first group, claims 33-46, with traverse. Applicant further elects the bridge
chains formed from amine or imine functional groups. With regard to the connecting material,
Applicant elects the dihalide connecting material.

The claims within the first group which are readable on the elected species are claims 33, 36-41, 43, and 45.

All of the claims (claims 33-64) should be examined together because they all relate to the same technical feature, i.e., the structure of the networked silica particles as shown in Figure 1. This network structure is the same or very similar when the bridge groups and connecting

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materials recited in the claims are used. Therefore, the products of all of the current claims relate to the network structure shown in Figure 1 regardless of the structure and properties of the bridge groups and connecting materials recited in the claims.

In the event that the restriction is maintained and the generic claims are found allowable, Applicant request consideration of the additional species in the dependent claims.

Entry of the enclosed Change of Correspondence Address in the USPTO files is also requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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